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SUBJET: PEKING PRESS CARRIES THAI ITEMS

SUMMARY: NCNA APPEARS TO HAVE REDISCOVERED THAILAND THIS WEEK WITH ITEMS ON THE THAI STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS, GREETINGS FROM THE THAI COMMUNIST PARTY, AND THAI COMMENTS ON SOVIET AIMS IN ASIA. END SUMMARY.

1. NCNA (SEPT 11) CARRIED A DELAYED REPORT OF THAI STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS OF SEP4, 4 AND 5 AS WELL AS EARLIER DEMONSTRATIONS LAST JUNE. THE TREATMENT IS RESTRAINED AND DOES NOT EMPLOY INVIDIOUS TERMS SUCH AS "THAI REACTIONARIES," "THANOM-PRAPHAT CLIQUE," ETC., BUT THE DESCRIPTION OF "HIGH-HANDED MEASURES" PUTS THE "THAI AUTHORITIES" IN A BAD LIGHT. THIS IS THE FIRST REPORT WE HAVE SEEN ON THE THAI DOMESTIC SCENE SINCE WELL BEFORE THE VISIT OF THE CHINESE TABLE TENNIS TEAM TO BANGKOK. THIS SORT OF "BAD NEWS" REPORTING HOWEVER, IS SIMILAR TO CURRENT NCNA ITEMS ON THE UNITED STATES AND WESTERN EUROPE.

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2. NCNA (SEPT 7) ALSO CARRIED A MESSAGE FROM THE THAI COMMUNIST

PARTY ON THE 10TH CONGRESS OF THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY. THE TEXT OF THE MESSAGE CONSISTED OF A CLOSE REPLAY OF SALIENT POINTS OF THE CONGRESS WITH ONLY THE BRIEFEST REFERENCE TO THE CPT AS "PERSISTING IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST US IMPERIALISM AND ITS LACKEYS" IN THAILAND. THE CHINESE HAVE CARRIED SIMILAR GREETINGS FROM OTHER FRIENDLY PARTIES.

3. ON THE POSITIVE SIDE OF THE NCNA PROPAGANDA LEDGER, PEKING HAS ALSO BEEN DRAWING ON THAI SOURCES FOR ANTI-SOVIET COMMENTARY. A SEPT 7. ITEM QUOTED A REPUTED STATEMENT BY A THAI GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL THAT "THE SOVIETS WANT BADLY TO BUILD UP THEIR NAVAL FORCES IN THE SOUTH CHINA SEA AND THE KOMPONG SOM PORT IN CAMBODIA." AND ON SEPT 12. NEGATIVE COMMENTS FROM THE "BANGKOK REVIEW," ON THE SOVIET-PROPOSED ASIAN COLLECTIVE SECURITY SYSTEM WERE ALSO NOTED WITH APPROVAL, ESPECIALLY THE LINE THAT MANY ASIAN COUNTRIES" SEE MORE CLEARLY THE DANGER OF ARROGANT SOVIET ATTEMPT TO RULE OVER AISA AND THE NECESSITY OF REDOUBLING THEIR VIGILANCE AGAINST IT.". OSBONR

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